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Project: 29 Firs Walk, Tewin

Client: Private

Architect: IDL Architecture



29 Firs Walk, Tewin is a four-bedroom house with a relatively low-key façade that blends into its woodland setting. Beneath this façade, the development boasts maximum floor plate in both length and breadth and is constructed of three adjoining rectangles of differing height, centred round a central spine consisting of hallway, utility, library and study. Formerly a dilapidated bungalow, 29 Firs Walk has increased to three rooms in depth, with the living area taking double volume space. With natural ventilation, wet underfloor heating system and single ply membrane roof, this family house showcases the surrounding environment whilst offering comfortable, large open plan living spaces.

Judges' comments:

“29 Firs Walk does not shout its presence, but hunkers down in the newly designed landscape. A very accomplished design with a protective and modernist aesthetic, augmented by the external insulation, provides visual protection to the front and the house all but disappears. The clean lines, lightness and double-height spaces enhance the feeling of space. This is a unique design statement and an excellent response to the site and its constraints.”